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Dear Chair Quaempts and Members of the Commission:

Thank you for the Commission's critical work to oversee OWRD's development of science-based groundwater allocation rules that implement Oregon's 1955 Groundwater Act. I support OWRD's proposed rules because they will result in more sustainable management of groundwater. When my husband and I lived in Ashland, our community well nearly ran dry on multiple occasions, and at least once water had to be trucked in. I would not wish that to happen on a larger scale in the future.

More sustainable groundwater practices will result in better protection of streamflows and cold water inputs to rivers and streams. These changes are an important first step in addressing water scarcity and drought associated with the impacts of climate change, and are critical for protecting aquatic ecosystems. Improving how Oregon issues new groundwater permits is long overdue, and I look forward to adoption of the proposed rules.

Please act swiftly to approve OWRD's proposed groundwater allocation rules!

Sincerely,

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